Dear Senator John Fonfara, Representative Jason Rojas, Senator Kevin Witkos, Representative Chris Davis, and all members of the Finance Committee,

Exempting breastfeeding supplies from the sales and use tax will allow more women to be able to afford these critical supplies, which are necessary for women who wish to breastfeed when they return the workforce. Furthermore, other essential items for babies like diapers and formula are exempt from the sales and use tax, and several other states exempt breastfeeding supplies from the sales tax.

As a breastfeeding mom to a 3-month-old, these policy proposals will better support me and other women who wish to breastfeed in the workplace. This will undoubtedly support the health of women and families across Connecticut as well as encourage more women to keep working when they have children. These measures will not only improve public health, but they will benefit our economy overall.

Thank you for your consideration. Susan Bunk Clinton, CT